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Forest Service to Host Second Lower Cowpasture Restoration Workshop

Covington, Va – The USDA Forest Service will host a public workshop to discuss the proposed 100,000 acre Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project on Monday, May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Alleghany County Governmental Complex in Covington, VA. This will be the second in a series of public workshops scheduled for 2013. The 100,000 acre Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project Area is located in eastern Alleghany and Bath counties.

The Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project resides in a diverse area with a wide range of natural resources. This workshop will explore forest management techniques within the Cowpasture, Jackson, and Calfpasture River watersheds, such as timber harvest, prescribed burning, invasive plant management, and forest road access.

In the event of inclement weather, this workshop may be rescheduled. Workshop status will be posted by 4:30 p.m. at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gwj/alerts-notice>, or contact the James River Ranger District at 540-962-2214. For additional information on the Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project contact the James River Ranger District or the Warm Springs Ranger District at 540-839-2521.

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